

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY-PARISH OF LAFAYETTE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 26, 2002.**

**ATTENDANCE**

COUNCIL: Louis Benjamin (Chair - District 4), Bobby Badeaux (District 1), Bobby Castille (District 2), Chris Williams (District 3), Lenwood Broussard (District 5), Jerry Trumps (District 6), Marc Mouton (District 7), Rob Stevenson (District 8)

ABSENT: Randal Menard (District 9)

COUNCIL STAFF: Norma Dugas (Clerk of the Council), Veronica Williams (Assistant Clerk), Monica Fontenot (Administrative Assistant)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Glenn Weber (CAO), Steve Dupuis (City-Parish Attorney), Chief Ronald Boudreaux (Police Department), Gerald Boudreaux (Director of Parks & Recreation), Terry Huval (Utilities Director), John Raines (Director of Public Works), Robert Benoit (Planning, Zoning & Codes)

**COMMENCEMENT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(001)AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to order.

Chair Benjamin called the Regular Council Meeting of December 26, 2002 to order.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(003)AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Jerry Trumps was called upon to deliver the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**EXECUTIVE/PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(013)AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: President's Report.  
*No report given.*

Councilman Williams announced he presented a Distinguished Citizen's Award and a key to the City to the guest speaker at the African American Youth Congress that was recently held. The Congress has been very active for 20+ years in providing enrichment and development for the future African American youth leaders.

Upon questioning by Broussard, John Raines, Public Works Director explained that in the upcoming New Year, he has requested permission to provide an assessment of all contractual services in the upcoming year including the herbicide program.

**APPEAL**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: An appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of the request for preliminary plat approval to subdivide approximately 44 acres into 120 lots for residential use in The Grape Vineyards Subdivision.

*This item was withdrawn at the request of the attorney for the developers.*

**REPORTS AND/OR DISCUSSION ITEMS**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5a: Discussion of Community Development's role in overseeing the Central Parks Network System

*This item was deferred.*

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(096)AGENDA ITEM NO. 5b: Discussion of Hoffpauir Road

Upon questioning by Broussard, Raines explained his department would travel the area and possibly construct a temporary patch until a complete analysis is done to determine cost and the necessary construction that is needed.



(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(137)AGENDA ITEM NO. 5c: City of Lafayette residents who have Duson & Scott mailing addresses  
*This item was deferred.*

Councilman Williams expressed his concerns with regards to residents in his district who physically live within the City of Lafayette but have either Scott or Duson mailing addresses. He requested Postmaster Troy Southerland and Mr. Begnaud of Begnaud Manufacturing be present at the meeting therefore, this item was deferred until the last meeting in January.

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(165)AGENDA ITEM NO. 5d: Status of opening of Lafayette Street and completion of park.

Badeaux expressed his concerns why Lafayette Street is not open since the majority of the park construction is complete. Raines opined if a security officer was to only stop traffic when necessary, he felt the motorists would find it confusing. The project is in the final stages and he will discuss with the contractor the projected completion date. Badeaux reiterated by saying the Council is concerned and felt the street needed to be opened. Trumps requested Raines to open the street effective immediately and proposed to introduce an ordinance to be placed on the next agenda enforcing same. Chair Benjamin requested a meeting be held, prior to an ordinance being placed on the agenda, with the Federal agencies with regards to a letter received from Judge Richard Haik. The letter requested closure of the street due to security issues. A National Security Survey was being conducted by the US Marshal Service to determine if the street needed to remain closed or if it could be reopened to allow for traveling motorists. Once the survey is complete, Judge Haik will notify the Council of the outcome.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

(TAPE 1)(SIDE A)(352)AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Comments from the public on other matters.

The following persons were recognized:

**Sandra Potier** is a resident of Cactus Road who is concerned with the deplorable conditions of the road. She requests that the full length of the road be paved. A portion of Cactus Road is gravel.

**Priscilla Landreneau** is also a resident of Cactus Road who expressed her concerns with the conditions of the road.

**Bonnie Hollier**, a resident of Cactus Road, reiterated comments made by Ms. Potier and Ms. Landreneau. Cactus Road is a dead end street and she feels the road has become hazardous for everyone.

Broussard requested that Raines consider working with the residents to bring the road up to safe standards. Money has been appropriated for necessary construction. Raines stated Public Works was currently in the process of obtaining the necessary rights-of-way in order to begin the project.

**David Broussard** encouraged the Council to support providing recycled cellular phones for senior citizens to be used in cases of emergency.

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**Patrick Brasseaux** requested the status on the enforcement of the noise ordinance. He feels the ordinance is not being enforced properly.

Chair Benjamin requested that the Administration research reasons why the ordinance was not being enforced properly and felt the ordinance was “massaged” to benefit others. Williams disagreed with Benjamin and stated many individuals spent numerous hours during meetings on developing what he considered to be the best ordinance in the country.

**Phillip Zeno** expressed his concerns with the recent wastewater rate increase. He felt those residents that are handicapped and elderly should be allowed a special rate since these citizens are on fixed incomes.



Terry Huval, Director of Utilities, explained if this type plan would be implemented, LUS would have to increase rates for other customers in order to bring in the same amount of revenue. Due to improvements required by EPA and DEQ to meet discharge limits and other environmental regulations, LUS had to implement the new increase in order to be in compliance.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Chair Benjamin declared the meeting adjourned.

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Norma A. Dugas  
Clerk of the Council